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ABSTRACT

This book brings together 17 papers on Women's Studies, in particular on their future in the 1990s and on creating and maintaining Women's Studies programs at institutions of higher education. The first section, "Women's Studies Today," provides full accounts of the development of Women's Studies in Britain within all branches of further and higher education, and compares the situation in Britain with that in Europe. Further chapters in this section discuss appropriate teaching methods, assessment procedures for Women's Studies courses, and challenges to the institutional structures of education. The second group of papers, "Women's Studies and the Feminist Movement," touch on the problem of gender for Women's Studies, Women's Studies and politics, and the relationship between theory, action and personal experience. The third section, "Working With Diversity," contains papers that address questions of difference within feminism, in particular the place, or displacement, of lesbian and black women's experience. The final group of papers, "Making a Difference," investigates the impact of Women's Studies on mainstream disciplines and demonstrates how the interdisciplinary nature of Women's Studies breaks down traditional subject barriers. Notes on the contributors and an index are included. References follow papers. (JB)

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